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1. LEBANESE AMB TUENI MAY 25 PROVIDED MISOFF WITH FOLLOWING TEXT (TRANSLATED FROM ARABIC) OF FIVE POINTS CONTAINED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MAY 24 BY LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AND PLO.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

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- (1) PLO REITERATES ITS DESIRE TO FACILITATE THE TASK OF UNIFIL AND THE RESTORATION OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY.

- (2) PLO CONDEMNS ALL IRRESPONSIBLE AND NEGATIVE ACTIONS IN THE SOUTH AND PLEDGES ALL ITS EFFORTS TO PREVENT SUCH IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS.

- (3) PLO ASSURES THE LEBANESE GOVT OF ITS DESIRE TO PUT AN END TO ALL ARMED PRESENCE IN THE SOUTH SO AS TO ASSIST THE LEGITIMATE AUTHORITIES IN PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES AND RESTORING THEIR SOVEREIGNTY.

- (4) PLO WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO CALL UPON ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAD COME TO SOUTHERN LEBANON DURING THE ISRAELI INVASION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

- (5) REGULAR MEETINGS WILL BE PURSUED BETWEEN THE LEBANESE GOVT AND THE PLO TO REORGANIZE LEBANESE-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS IN A MANNER WHICH WILL PRESERVE AND GUARANTEE LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY AND SERVE THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. END TEXT.

3. TUENI ALSO SAID THAT PM AL-HOSS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A TRIPARTITE MILITARY COMMITTEE, MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOL, PALESTINIANS AND ADF, WHICH WILL IMPLEMENT THE FIVE-POINT AGREEMENT.
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4. READING FROM HIS ARABIC NOTES, TUENI PROVIDED FOLLOWING "UNOFFICIAL" TEXT OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A "LONG MEMORANDUM SETTING FORTH PLO PROPOSALS FOR REORGANIZATION OF LEBANESE-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS" (I.E. POINT FIVE OF AGREEMENT ABOVE).

BEGIN TEXT:

- (1) RESTORATION OF CIVILIAN CHARACTER TO THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE, CONTINGENT UPON FACILITATION BY THE GOL OF PLO'S POLITICAL AND INFORMATIONAL ROLE.

- (2) REGROUPING OF FIGHTERS (NOW) IN SOUTHERN LEBANON OUTSIDE OF AREAS OF UNIFIL OPERATION, AND GENERALLY OUTSIDE OF SOUTHERN LEBANON WHEN POSSIBLE.

- (3) CREATION OF SPECIAL AND ADEQUATE ARMED UNITS TO PROTECT (PALESTINIAN) CAMPS, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES, WHICH AGREEMENT SHOULD BEAR ON ARMAMENTS - QUALITY AND QUANTITY. (NOTE: TUENI SAID CAMPS MEANT THOSE THROUGHOUT LEBANON, NOT JUST IN SOUTH.)

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- (4) ARMAMENTS IN SURPLUS FOUND IN CAMPS TODAY WILL BE PLACED IN SPECIAL DEPOTS.

- (5) EXPLORING THE IDEA OF CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN REGULAR ARMY WHICH WILL INCLUDE ALL PRESENT ARMED ELEMENTS. THIS ARMY WILL BE CONSIDERED AS AN ALLIED ARMY PRESENT IN LEBANON ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, ITS PRESENCE BEING GOVERNED BY LAW AND BY NEW POLITICAL AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL REPLACE PRESENT SECURITY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PLO AND THE GOL. END TEXT. (TUENI EXPLAINED THAT "PRESENT SECURITY AGREEMENTS" REFERRED TO WERE CAIRO, SHTAURA AGREEMENTS, ETC.)

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5. FINALLY, TUENI REPORTED ON A STATEMENT BY THE SYRIAN

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INFO MINISTER ON MAY 24 WHICH CALLED ON THE PALESTINIANS
TO COOPERATE WITH UNIFIL AND NOT TO ATTACK THE UN FORCE.
HE ALSO SAID THAT THE OFFICIAL SYRIAN NEWS AGENCY, SANA,
HAD REPORTED THAT THE LEBANESE-PLO AGREEMENT HAS SYRIAN
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BLESSING, THAT LEBANESE SECURITY IS A MATTER OF SERIOUS
CONCERN TO SYRIA, AND THAT SYRIA WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY ITS
ROLE IN PREVENTING THE "POLITICAL ASSASSINATION" OF
LEBANON.

6. TUENI DID NOT COMMENT AT ANY LENGTH ON THE ABOVE, BUT
HE QUITE OBVIOUSLY REGARDS THESE DEVELOPMENTS AS HAVING
CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE AND IS HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL
BRING FAVORABLE RESULTS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT CHAMOUN
AND GEMAYAL HAVE EXPRESSED GREAT DOUBT, IN LIGHT OF
EXPERIENCE WITH PAST AGREEMENTS, THAT THE FIVE-POINT
AGREEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN A WAY THAT WILL
SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER THE PRESENT SITUATION. YOUNG

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